



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft®:** 1 ball each of 4600 White **A** and 5142 Cherry Red **B**, and 2 balls of 9520 Seafoam **C**

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks:** 4mm [US G-6] and 5.5mm [US I-9]

Four ½" [13 mm] buttons, sewing needle and thread, yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 12 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 15 rows = 4" [10 cm] in single crochet with larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**



**RED HEART® Soft®**, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls



# Caring Nurse Doll to Crochet

*This sweet nurse outfit is designed to honor the many Red Cross volunteer nurses who give compassionate care to the military and provide service in local communities. Crochet it to fit your 18" (45.7 cm) doll.*

SHOP KIT

Outfit fits 18" (45.7 cm) doll.

## Special Stitches

**dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together)** = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

**Fpsc (front post single crochet)** = Insert hook from front to back and to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on your hook. Skip the stitch "behind" the Fpsc.

**join with Fpsc** = Place slip knot on hook, work Fpsc around indicated stitch.

**join with sc** = Place slip knot on hook, work sc in indicated stitch or space.

## Notes

1. Outfit includes 3 pieces: Hat, Dress, and Apron.
2. Bodice of Dress is worked back and forth in rows from the waist upwards. Piece is divided at underarms and right back, front, and left back worked separately to shoulders.
3. Dress skirt is worked in joined and turned rounds from the waist downwards.
4. Sleeves are worked, directly into armhole openings, in joined and turned rounds.
5. Apron is worked in 4 pieces: Body, two Ties, and Front Cross. The pieces are sewn together to complete Apron.

## HAT

With smaller hook and **A**, ch 2.

**Row 1 (right side):** Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook—8 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each st across—16 sc.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—24 sc.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, turn, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—32 sc.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, turn, [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—40 sc.

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**Row 6:** Ch 1, turn, [sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—48 sc.

**Row 7:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. Repeat Row 7 until piece measures about 3½" [9 cm] from beginning. Fasten off.

### Front Flap

**Row 1:** Turn piece, skip first 6 sts, join **A** with Fpsc around next st, Fpsc around each of next 35 sts; leave remaining 6 sts unworked—36 Fpsc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. Repeat Row 2 until front flap measures about 2½" [6.5 cm]. Fasten off.

Fold flap back. With a double strand of **B**, embroider a straight stitch cross in middle of flap, sewing through both thicknesses to tack flap to hat. With **A**, sew back seam.

## DRESS

### Bodice

Beginning at waist, with larger hook and **C**, ch 40.

**Row 1 (right side):** Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as first dc) and in each ch across—38 dc.

**Row 2:** Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each st across.

**Row 3 (button loop row):** Ch 6 (button loop), turn, slip st in first dc, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each remaining st across—38 dc and 1 ch-6 button loop.

**Rows 4 and 5:** Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Right Back

**Row 6 (wrong side):** Ch 3, turn, dc in next 6 sts; leave remaining 31 sts unworked—7 dc.

**Rows 7–9:** Ch 3, turn, dc in next 6 sts. Fasten off.

### Front

**Row 6 (wrong side):** With wrong side facing, skip next 5 unworked sts of Row 5 following right back for underarm, draw up a loop of **C** in next st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 13 sts; leave remaining 12 sts unworked—14 sts.

**Rows 7–10:** Ch 3, turn, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in last 4 sts. Fasten off.

### Left Back

**Row 6 (wrong side):** With wrong side facing, skip next 5 unworked sts of Row 5 following front for underarm, draw up a loop of **C** in next st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in remaining 6 sts—7 dc.

**Row 7 (button loop row):** Ch 6 (button loop), turn, slip st in first dc, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each remaining st across—7 dc and 1 ch-6 button loop.

**Row 8:** Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across.

**Row 9:** Repeat Row 7. Fasten off.

### Shoulder Seams

Fold right back and left back over front. With **C**, sew shoulder seams, sewing tops of 4 double crochet stitches at each shoulder together.

### Skirt

With right side of bodice facing and larger hook, working across opposite side of bodice foundation chain, draw up a loop of **C** in first ch.

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**Round 1 (right side):** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each remaining ch across; join with slip st in top of beginning ch to begin working in rounds—76 dc.

**Round 2:** Ch 3, turn, 2 dc in next st, \*dc in next st, 2 dc in next st; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—114 dc.

**Round 3:** Ch 3, turn, dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Repeat Round 3 until skirt measures about 9 in. [23 cm].  
Fasten off.

### Sleeves (work 2)

With right side of bodice facing and larger hook, draw up a loop of **C** in center dc of one underarm.

**Round 1 (right side):** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in next 2 sts; 2 dc in end of each of 9 rows around side edges of armhole, dc in remaining 2 sts of underarm; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—23 dc.

**Rounds 2 and 3:** Ch 3, turn, dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

### Cuff

With wrong side facing, draw up a loop of **A** in same st as joining.

**Round 4 (wrong side):** Ch 3, \*dc in next st, dc2tog; repeat from \* to last st, dc in last st; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 dc.

**Round 5:** Ch 3, dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.  
Fasten off. Repeat for 2nd sleeve.

### Collar

With right side facing and larger hook, draw up a loop of **A** at beginning of neck edge.

**Row 1 (right side):** Ch 3, work dc evenly spaced across neck edge.  
Fasten off.

## APRON

### Skirt

With larger hook and **A**, ch 59.

**Row 1:** Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as first dc) and in each ch across—57 dc.

**Row 2:** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each st across. Repeat Row 2 until piece measures about 7 in. (18 cm) from beginning,

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**Row 1:** Ch 3, turn, \*dc2tog; repeat from \* across—29 dc.

**Row 2:** Ch 3, turn, [dc2tog] 14 times—15 dc.

**Rows 3–9:** Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across.  
Fasten off.

### Ties (make 2)

With larger hook, join **A** with sc in one end of Row 2 of bib, ch 71.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; slip st in end of Row 2 near joining sc.

Fasten off. Repeat for 2nd Tie, beginning at other end of Row 2 of bib.

### Front Cross

With smaller hook and **B**, ch 5.

### Center Bar

**Row 1:** Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as first dc) and in last ch—3 dc.

**Rows 2–5:** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, dc in next 2 sts.  
Fasten off.

### Cross Bar

Draw up a loop of **B** in one end of Row 3 of center bar.

**Next Row:** Ch 3, 2 dc in same end of Row 3—3 dc.

**Next 2 rows:** Ch 3, turn, dc in next 2 sts. Fasten off. Repeat to work 2nd half of cross bar, beginning on other end of Row 3 of center bar. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## FINISHING

With **B**, embroider a straight stitch cross in middle of each sleeve cuff. With sewing needle and thread, sew buttons opposite button loops.

With yarn tails, sew front cross to center of Apron bib.

Sew Apron bib to front bodice of Dress.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, and C** = Color A, Color B, and Color C; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

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